



## Indiana Department Of Revenue

# General Provisions of an Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permit

### M-204

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#### Required Markings-Oversize Vehicle

- Must be marked on front and rear with a sign reading "OVERSIZE LOAD."
  - Sign must be at least 18 inches high and between 6 to 8 feet long.
  - Letters must be black, 12 inches high, with a 2-inch stroke on yellow background.
  - Color combinations or wording approved by other states will be permitted, when trip originates outside Indiana.
- Must be marked with 2 red or orange flags, placed at the widest extremities of the vehicle or load.
  - Flags must be in good condition, plain or orange with no figures.
  - Flags must be 18 inches square and placed so that approaching traffic can see them.
  - Not required for overweight-only vehicles.

#### Lighting

- In addition to FMCSR 393.11
- Permitted vehicles must have low beam headlights on while transporting a load.
- Mobile homes and sectionalized buildings having widths of 12 feet 4 inches or more.
  - Must be equipped with 4 high intensity, amber, flashing lights.
  - Two of these must be mounted on the front. Two must be mounted on the rear of the combination.
  - Lights mounted on the load must be placed at the outer edges and not be less than 6 feet above the roadway.
  - Front lights may be mounted on the towing vehicle at furthest extreme of any safety device, not extending beyond the mirrors, and must be double-faced lamps, visible both on front and rear.
  - Lights must be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

#### Vehicle Operators

- Operators must be 18 years of age and hold valid Indiana Chauffeurs License or Commercial Driver's License, when applicable.
- Drivers must have the permit in possession during transport and must show permit, on demand, to any police officer, motor carrier inspector, or any authorized employee of the State of Indiana.
- The mover and/or owner of the vehicle and/or load will be held responsible in the event that it is necessary to remove any buildings, railings, or other structures from the highway. In the event that any buildings, railings, or other structures are damaged, the cost of the removal and/or damage will be borne by the permit applicant.

#### Escort Vehicles (Requirements)

- Permitted vehicles must have escorts when they exceed:
  - 12'4" in width, 85' in length or 14'6" in height.
    - One escort vehicle must be in front when on undivided highway and in rear when on divided highways.
    - If over 14'6" high, must have an escort with a height stick traveling in front of load.
    - If Between 14'4" and 16" wide, one rear escort on a dual lane divided highway and two escorts (front and rear) on all other roads.
- Escort vehicles must have a minimum of 4 wheels with a maximum gross registered weight of 11,000 lbs. Must have a flashing amber light mounted on top and an oversize load sign, which is visible to approaching traffic. Must have radio communication with permitted vehicle and/or load and may not be more than 500 feet from permitted vehicle and/or load.

#### Hours of Operation

Up to 85' long 10' wide, legal height, and/or Overweight-only	Continuous travel 7 days a week.
Between 85' - 110' long, 10' - 14'4" wide, up to 15' high	Monday-Friday (1/2 hr before sunrise - 1/2 hr after sunset) Saturday (1/2 hr before sunrise - 12:00 noon)
Between 14'4" and 16' wide	Monday - Friday (1/2 hr before sunrise - 1/2 hr after sunset)
Permitted Mobile Homes and Sectionalized Buildings between 8'6" and 14'4" wide	Monday - Friday (1/2 hr before sunrise - 1/2 hr after sunset) Saturday (1/2 hr before sunrise - 12:00 noon)

#### Holiday Restrictions

- Permitted vehicles may not operate on state highways from 12:00 noon the the last weekday preceding and continuing until 1/2 hr before sunrise on the day following: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

#### Flagmen

- In compliance with the provisions of the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, flagmen will be provided by the transporting company at all locations needing such traffic control. Locations needing such flagmen include: encroachment into opposing traffic lanes and stops, or blockages of traffic locations where stops are not normally required by existing traffic control devices.

#### Speed

- Any permitted vehicle over 85' long, 10'6" wide, and legal height may not exceed 45 miles per hour.

#### Blockage of Traffic

- Permitted vehicles must not block traffic at any time from use of the highway, including loading and unloading equipment.
- Permitted vehicles are not permitted to be parked either day or night on the shoulder or right-of-way.
- Permitted vehicles will utilize the highway shoulder only on those occasions necessary to allow for the safe unrestricted passage of oncoming/passing traffic

#### Weather

- Permitted oversized vehicles are not allowed to operate during hazardous weather, road, or traffic conditions, and/or when visibility is less than 500 feet. Permitted vehicles may not operate when wind velocity exceeds 25 miles per hour.

#### Other Provisions

- This permit does not apply to any state roads or bridges that are closed for construction purposes, or to any roads or bridges that are posted for gross load limits, and/or any roads, structures, wires, etc., having a restricted height **and/or width** clearance that will not clear said load.
- This permit does not apply to I65 or I70 inside I465.
- This permit does not apply to any county roads or city streets.
- Any violation of this permit shall automatically cause the permit to void. Upon violation the police officer or motor carrier inspector will have the authority to withdraw your permit.
- All transporting vehicles must meet all safety requirements as set forth in Title 49, CFR (Code of Federal Regulations).
- This permit does not cover license or other registration requirements

**Note to Enforcement Agencies:** Advise the Indiana Dept. of Revenue as soon as possible after withdrawing this permit

**Direct any questions you may  
have about a permit to:**

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